

### 1. Prime Minister Launches Major Infrastructure and Healthcare Projects in Gujarat

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Samrat Sriti Museum** located at **Koba Tat** in **Gandhinagar**.
- He inaugurated the **Kaynes Semicon plant** situated in **Sanand**.
- Projects worth over **₹20,000 crore** spanning power, rail, road, and urban development were inaugurated in **Vadodara**.
- The government launched the **PM Rahat scheme**, which offers cashless medical treatment up to **₹1.5 lakh** for **7 days** through the **112 helpline**.
- During this period, the **Lakhpati Didi** program target was doubled from **3 crore** to **6 crore** beneficiaries by the year **2029**.

### 2. Extension of National Piped Natural Gas (PNG) Drive 2.0

- The **Government of India** extended the **National Piped Natural Gas (PNG) Drive 2.0** until **June 30, 2026**.
- The drive operates under the official theme "**Har PNG Har CNG**".
- **Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)** has officially joined this ongoing initiative.

### 3. Launch of Nationwide Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan for Schools

- The **Ministry of Education** and the **Ministry of Home Affairs** jointly launched this nationwide school drive.
- The campaign will operate in a mission-mode format for a duration of **3 years**.
- The core objective is to successfully create completely drug-free zones within a **500-meter** radius of all schools across the country.

### 4. EaseMyTrip Launches "One Panchayat, One Pandit" Spiritual Initiative

- **EaseMyTrip (EMT)** partnered with the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**, **Sanatan AI**, and the **Bhagwa platform** to launch a spiritual entrepreneurship initiative.
- The plan aims to deploy mobile EV-based "**Sanatan AI Shops on Wheels**" across **2 lakh panchayats** over the next **five years**.

### 5. India Ranks First Globally in Nagoya Protocol Compliance

- The **Nagoya Protocol** is a crucial international agreement tied to the **Convention on Biological Diversity**.
- India secured the **first** rank globally under **Nagoya Protocol** compliance.
- India successfully issued **3,561** out of the **6,311** total **Internationally Recognized Certificates of Compliance (IRCC)** issued globally.

### 6. Launch of Digital Tools for Justice Access and Women's Cyber Safety

- Vice President **CP Radhakrishnan** unveiled the **Nyetu AI chatbot** and its official mascot, **Dishika**, at the **Designing Innovative Solution for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA)** program in **New Delhi**.
- The **National Commission for Women (NCW)** formally partnered with **Truecaller** to launch the "**True Cyber Sakhi**" digital toolkit.

### 7. Andhra Pradesh Declares Amaravati as Sole Capital and Launches State Initiatives

- The **Lok Sabha** passed the **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Amendment Bill 2026**.
- The bill officially declared **Amaravati** as the sole capital of **Andhra Pradesh** with retrospective effect from the year **2 June 2024**.
- The state government launched a **₹150 crore** free electricity scheme for handloom and powerloom weavers, effective **April 1st**.
- The state cabinet approved the establishment of the **Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport** in **Nellore**.
- The renowned **Ponduru Khadi** from the state officially received a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.

### 8. Meghalaya Partners with Starlink for High-Speed Satellite Internet

- The **Meghalaya government** partnered with **Elon Musk's Starlink**.

### 9. Ministry Approvals for Electronics Manufacturing and Renewable Energy Extension

- The **Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)** approved **29 proposals** featuring a projected investment of **₹714 crore** and total production worth **₹8,451 crore**.
- The **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** extended the timeline for certain **PM-KUSUM** projects to **March 31, 2027** (specifically for projects with Power Purchase Agreements or Letters of Intent signed before **December 31**).

### 10. Panchayati Raj Funding and Cultural Promotion Agreements

- Union Minister of Culture **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **YouTube** to promote Indian folk and tribal music globally.
- The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** released **₹1500 crore** to rural local bodies in six states (**Telangana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Meghalaya**).
- Panchayati Raj institutions fall directly under the **11th Schedule** of the Constitution.
- **Panchayati Raj Day** is officially marked on **April 24th**.

### 11. One-Time Concessional Relief for Special Economic Zones (SEZ)

- The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** announced a one-time relief measure.
- The policy allows units operating inside **Special Economic Zones (SEZs)** to sell their goods in the domestic market (**Domestic Tariff Area - DTA**).
- The relief applies from **April 1, 2026**, to **March 31, 2027**, strictly for specific sectors that were operating before **March 31, 2025**.

### 12. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Modifies Exposure Norms and Advance Limits

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** delayed the implementation of new capital market exposure rules from **April 1 to July 1, 2026**.
- The limit on loans against shares, eligible securities, REITs, and InvITs was increased from **₹20 lakh** to **₹1 crore** for individuals.
- The ceiling for subscribing to IPOs, FPOs, or ESOPs increased from **₹10 lakh** to **₹25 lakh**.
- For corporate acquisitions/mergers, banks can now fund up to **75%** of the acquisition value (acquiring firm funds the remaining **25%**).
- The **RBI** set the **Ways and Means Advances (WMA)** limit at **₹2.5 lakh crore** for the central government for the first half of **FY 2026-27 (April-September 2026)**.
- The **RBI** imposed a **₹31.8 lakh** penalty on **Airtel Payments Bank** for non-compliance with **FY 2024-25** financial statement disclosure norms.
- The WMA short-term credit facility covers temporary cash mismatches and must be repaid within **90 days** at the standard repo rate (converts to overdraft with **2%** penalty above repo rate if exceeded).
- Regarding the withdrawn **₹2000** banknote, only **₹5,501 crore** worth remains in circulation out of the original **₹3.56 lakh crore** (**98.45%** returned) as of **March 31, 2026**, though they remain legal tender.

### 13. Implementation of Income Tax Rules 2026 and March GST Collections

- **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** was initially launched on **July 1, 2017**.
- Effective **April 1st**, the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** reduced total tax rules from **511** to **333**.
- A single tax year was introduced, entirely replacing the dual "previous year" and "assessment year" structure.
- **Permanent Account Number (PAN)** is now mandatory for property deals exceeding **₹20 lakh** and annual cash transactions exceeding **₹10 lakh**.
- India's net GST collection for **March 2026** grew by **8.2%** to **₹1.78 trillion**, while gross GST revenue grew **8.8%** to reach **₹2 trillion**.
- This is the highest GST collection in six months since the "**GST 2.0**" rates took effect (where **12%** and **28%** slabs were removed, leaving **5%**, **18%**, and a new **40%** rate).
- For **FY 2025-26**, total GST collection was **₹22 lakh crore**, marking an **8.3%** growth over the previous year according to the **Ministry of Finance**.

### 14. Small Savings Schemes Rates Unchanged and Government Borrowing Targets

- Interest rates for small savings are calculated using the **Shyamala Gopinath Committee** formula based on securities yields.
- Interest rates for Small Savings Schemes remain completely unchanged for the **8th consecutive quarter** (Q1 FY 2026-27).
- Current rates: Senior Citizen Savings Scheme and Sukanya Samriddhi (**8.2%**), National Savings Certificate (**7.7%**), Kisan Vikas Patra (**7.5%** with **155-month** maturity), 5-Year Time Deposit (**7.5%**), Monthly Income Scheme (**7.4%**), Public Provident Fund and 3-Year Term Deposit (**7.1%**), and Post Office Savings Account (**4%**).
- Due to global uncertainties, the Government targets borrowing **₹8.2 lakh crore** in H1 FY27.
- The government will also strategically raise **₹1,000 crore** via **Sovereign Green Bonds**.

### 15. IRDAI Issues New Accounting Regulations and Approves Reinsurance Firm

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** approved the **Actuarial, Finance and Investment Function Regulation 2026** (effective **April 1**).
- **Allianz Jio Reinsurance Limited** commenced operations in **Mumbai** after receiving formal IRDAI approval.
- **Allianz Jio Reinsurance Limited** operates as a **50-50** domestic private joint venture between Germany's **Allianz Group** and **Jio Financial Services**.
- The statutory minimum paid-up capital required for a reinsurance company in India is **₹200 crore**.

### 16. Ministry of Defense Signs Major Defense and Radar Contracts

- The **Ministry of Defense (MoD)** signed total deals worth **₹858 crore**.
- A **₹445 crore** contract was signed with **Rosoboronexport** for the **Tunguska** air defense missile system.
- A **₹413 crore** Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) contract was signed with **Boeing India Defence Pvt Ltd** for **P-8I** maritime patrol aircraft.
- The MoD also signed a **₹1,950 crore** contract with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**.

### 17. Military Deployments, Expeditions, and Domestic Missile Tests

- **INS Trikand** completed a port call at **Maputo, Mozambique** to hold joint exercises focusing on maritime operations in the **South West Indian Ocean Region**, interoperability, EEZ surveillance, and humanitarian aid.
- Sailing vessel **INS Sudarshini** arrived at **Sète, France** for the "Escale à Sète" maritime festival.
- The **Agni-3** missile was successfully test-fired in **Chandipur, Odisha**.
- The **Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** tested a Gaganyaan drogue parachute in **Chandigarh**.
- The Army's **Konark Corps** tested the **Sterla-10 VSHORAD** system in **Pokhran, Rajasthan**.

### 18. Global Space Missions and Indigenous Space Ventures

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** successfully launched the **Artemis II** mission on the **Space Launch System** rocket from **Kennedy Space Center**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** designated **Mons Mouton 4 (MM4)** as the official landing site for **Chandrayaan-4**.
- **Aditya Panda** officially became India's youngest male analog astronaut.

### 19. Japan Deploys Upgraded Long-Range Missiles

- **Japan** deployed its upgraded "**Type 12**" land-to-ship missile, developed by **Mitsubishi Heavy Industries**.
- Prime Minister **Sanae Takaichi** approved a massive **9 trillion yen** defense budget, which also includes plans for **US Tomahawk** deployments.
- The new missile range has been significantly increased from **200 km** to **1000 km**.

### 20. Releases of NSO PLFS Annual Report and UNESCO Education Report

- The **National Statistical Office (NSO)** shifted the **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)** to the calendar year (**Jan-Dec 2025**).

- **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** released the **2026 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report** titled "**Access and Equity: Countdown to 2030**".
- A **National Biobank for Lysosomal Storage Disorders** was formally launched in **Ahmedabad**.
- **PLFS metrics**: Overall unemployment stood at **3.1%** (rural males **2.4%**, females **2.6%**); **Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** at **59.3%**; youth unemployment (15-29) decreased to **9.9%**.
- The **PLFS employment profile** consisted of self-employed (**56.2%**), agriculture (**43%**), regular salaried (**23.6%**), and manufacturing (**12.1%**).
- The **GEM Report** noted **273 million** youth globally were out of school in **2024 (1 in 6 excluded)**.

### 21. International Forums, Social Media Regulations, and Global Rankings

- The **World Trade Organization (WTO) 14th Ministerial Conference** was held in **Cameroon**, chaired by Cameroon's Minister of Trade, **Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana**.
- The **United Nations (UN)** launched a high-level task force, led by Secretary-General **António Guterres** and headed by **Jorge Moreira da Silva**, to address the **Hormuz crisis** and safeguard global trade.
- **Indonesia** became the first Southeast Asian nation to ban social media platforms (**YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Threads, and X**) for users under **16**.
- Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** is set to participate in the **G7 Critical Minerals** meeting in **Washington DC**.
- The **6th ASEAN-India Digital Ministers** meeting convened to address secure digital ecosystems.

### 22. Launch of Major State Schemes and Village Programs Across India

- The **Vibrant Villages Program 2** was officially launched in **Nathanur village, Assam**.
- **Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann** launched the **Mukhyamantri Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana**.
- **Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav** launched the "**School Chale Hum**" campaign (**April 1-4**) in **Bhopal** aiming for a zero drop-out rate by providing free textbooks, bicycles, and uniforms.
- **West Bengal** announced the **Bhaangbandhu scheme** to provide **₹1,500** monthly for unemployed youth (**21-40 years**) starting **April 2026**.
- **Tripura** celebrated its traditional tribal harvest festival, **Garia Puja**.

### 23. Major Sports Tournaments, Retirements, and Global Championships

- **Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)** won their second **Women's Premier League (WPL)** title against the **Delhi Capitals**.
- The **Indian U19 Men's team** won the **World Cup** by defeating **England**.
- **Ravichandran Ashwin** became the first Indian international to sign with the US-based **Major League Cricket**.
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** signed a **₹270k crore Gemini** sponsorship for **IPL 2026**.
- The **Surfing Federation of India** announced the inaugural "**Little Andaman Pro 2026**" National Surf & SUP Championship at **Butler Bay Beach (April 9-12)**, serving as an **Asian Games** prep event.
- **Services** beat **Kerala** to win the football **Santosh Trophy**.
- India defeated **Bangladesh** in **Nepal** to win the **SAFF U19 Women's Championship**.
- **Magnus Carlsen** won the **Freestyle Chess World Cup**.
- **Pankaj Advani** won the **Liber Win Champions Cup**.
- **Norway** led the **Milano Cortina Winter Paralympics** medal tally with **41 medals**.
- Australian player **Alyssa Healy** and Indian player **Saina Nehwal** formally retired from international cricket and badminton, respectively.

### 24. Airport Rankings and National Awards for Literature and Cinema

- **Singapore Changi Airport** ranked **#1** at the **Skytrax World Airport Awards 2026**.
- Author **Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay's** work "**Hara Parvati Katha**" secured the **35th Saraswati Samman 2025**.

- Telugu actor **Nandamuri Balakrishna** received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the **International Film Festival of Delhi (IFFD) 2026**.
- Five Indian airports made the global top 100: **Indira Gandhi (28th)**, **Kempegowda (41st)**, **Rajiv Gandhi (43rd)**, **Goa Mopa (64th)**, and **Chhatrapati Shivaji (66th)**.
- The Saraswati Samman is awarded by the **KK Birla Foundation** and includes a ₹15 lakh prize.
- **Balakrishna** was honored for his **50-year** career, and his film **Bhagavanth Kesari** also won Best Telugu Film at the **71st National Film Awards**.

### 25. Observation of Important National and International Days in March and April

- **April 1st**: Marked as **Utkal Divas (Odisha Foundation Day)**, celebrating its **19th** foundation day.
- **April 2nd**: Observed as **World Autism Awareness Day**.
- **March 31st**: Recognized globally as **International Transgender Day of Visibility**.
- **April 1st - 7th**: Designated as **Prevention of Blindness Week**.
- The official **2026** theme for World Autism Awareness Day is "**Autism and Humanity: Every Life Has Value**".

### 26. Major Executive, Military, and International Appointments

- **Willie)Walsh**, former **British Airways** chief and **International Air Transport Association (IATA)** Director General, was appointed CEO of **IndiGo**, replacing **Pieter Elbers** (who resigned due to operational pressures).
- **Vikram Yadav** was named **Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**.
- **Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan** was named Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (2026-2030)**.
- Lieutenant General **Dhiraj Seth** became the **Vice Chief of Army Staff**, succeeding **PP Singh**.
- Internationally, **Uchral Nyam-Osor** was elected Prime Minister of **Mongolia**.
- **Paschal Donohoe** was appointed as **World Bank Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer**

### 27. Significant Book Releases and Obituaries

- Author **Sudha Murty** published a new book titled "**Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament**"
- **Chandrikapersad Santokhi**, former President of **Suriname**, passed away.